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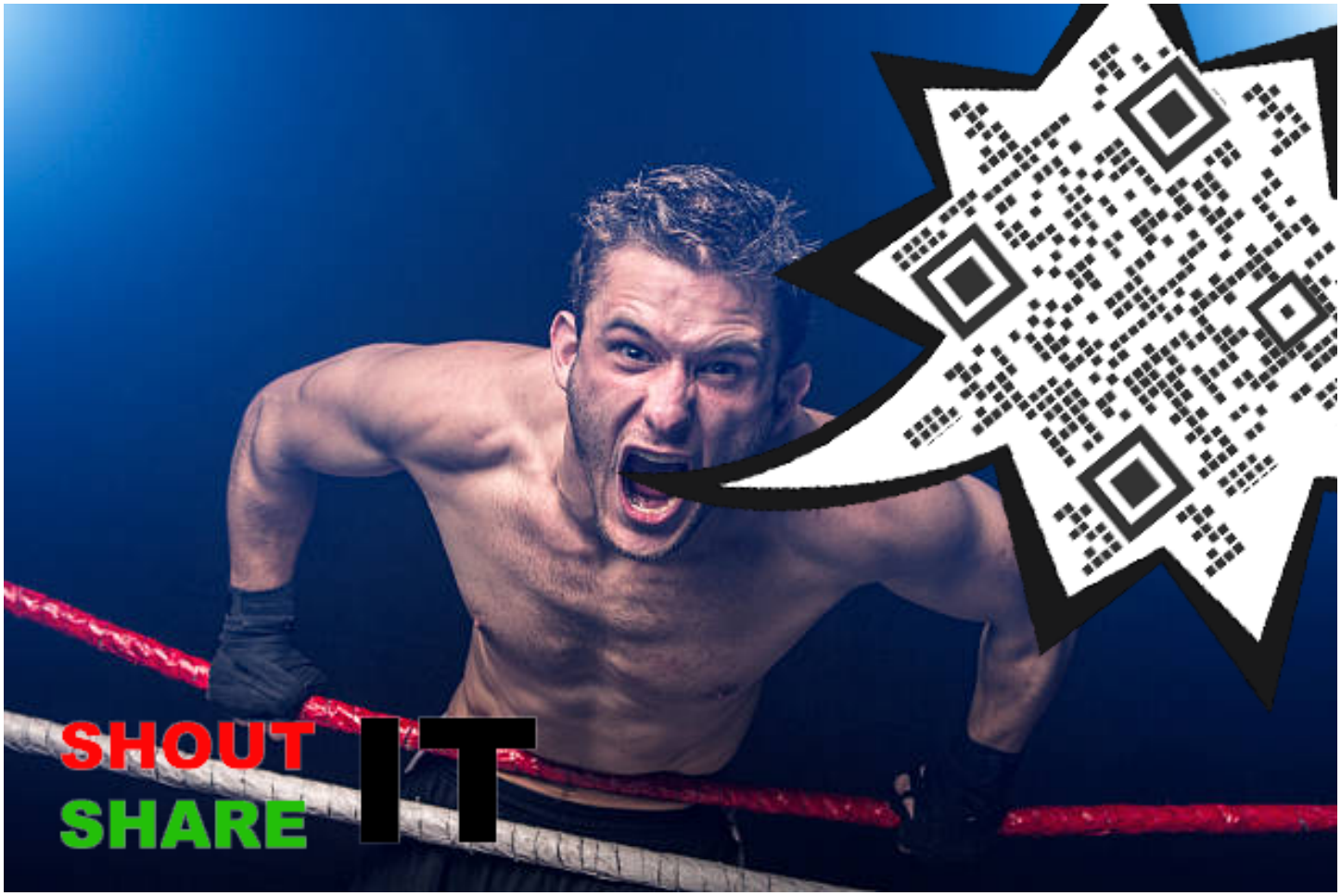
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IN this booklet we endeavor to list a collection of Peonies that will prove a lasting pleasure to our friends and customers. The Peony is an old flower, and to many the word "Peony" at once suggests simply a red old-fashioned flower. But in the last few years the Peony has been gradually brought before the public, until now it stands almost without a rival. This is because so many of the Peonies now give shades, tints, colorings and a delightful fragrance that cannot be found in any other flower. By a careful selection of plants you may have

A Whole Month of Peonies.

It is no longer necessary to simply have just the old-fashioned red or white Peony that will be in bloom for a few days and then have nothing to follow it. Why not plant some of the earliest and then plan to have a succession of blooms for four or five weeks?

Peonies last a long time. They should not be disturbed, transplanted or divided until they cease to put out good-sized flowers. They may cost more, at first, to fill a bed or border than many annuals, but if an account is kept for the number of years the plants last, they will be found to be much cheaper than Salvia, Geraniums, etc., which have to be renewed every year. Many of the varieties named in the following pages are expensive, but the supply is very limited and it takes time to get a stock to supply the demand.

Time to Plant and Where.

Peonies should be planted in the Fall, October or November. They will then become established and make a much better start than if planted in the Spring. Our advice is **Do Not Plant Peonies in the Spring.**

Nearly any place or soil is adapted to the growth of Peonies, except they do not want to be in wet ground. They are very effective when used as foreground for shrubbery, in rows for a background for the lawn, as a screen for the walls of buildings, or lattice work of porches, or in beds by themselves. They also make a pretty border for walks and drives. After the flowers are gone the foliage remains attractive throughout the Summer.

Care.

Peonies like rich soil, but fresh manure should not be placed on top of plants so that it will soak down through the hollow stems to the crown. Neither should it come in contact with the roots when planting. A good way is to use a mulch and work it into the soil around the plants. To prevent the ground from heaving by freezing they may be mulched with leaves or brush, which should remain till all danger of hard freezing in the Spring is past.

If Wanted for Cut Flowers.

Always cut in the bud. Do not allow them to open in the field. After cutting put the stems in water and keep in a cool sheltered place. By this means you will obtain the best colored and most perfect flowers. The sunlight has the effect of constantly changing them from the time they first begin to open. Some of the pink and yellow shades fade very rapidly.

Peonies

Standard Varieties of Peonies

AGIDA—This is a very bright and attractive red peony, semi-double. It is distinguished at once from all other red peonies by its striking color. Showy, noticeable, free bloomer.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

ALBERT CROUSSE—Bomb type, perfect large flowers of delicate sea-shell pink. It is in great demand as a cut flower.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

ASA GRAY—Semi-rose type; mid-season. One of the most profuse bloomers. It is very attractive, having immense imbricated flowers. The guard petals are salmon with the center of the flowers delicate lilac. One cannot pass it by; fragrant....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

AVALANCHE—Late, mid-season. A superb white peony. Snow white except for a few pencilings of carmine on the edge of the central petals. Very fragrant.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

AUGUSTINE DE HOUR—Bomb type; mid-season. The color is a deep rich red with a slight silvery reflex. It is a tall grower and is the largest red peony.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

BERLIOZ—Bomb type; late mid-season. Large, bright, currant-red flowers; the petals of which are silver tipped. This is a peony that will attract much attention.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

CARNEA ELEGANS—Mid-season; perfectly shaped flowers with broad petals. Clear flesh color with bright reflex mixed with small yellow petals, very fine bloomer.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

CLARISSA—Mid-season. Soft rosy-pink, inner petals sulphur..**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

COURONNE D'OR—Semi-rose type; late and very large. The plant makes a strong, vigorous growth and is a profuse bloomer. The petals are snow-white with a slight penciling of carmine on the edge of the center ones. This is a great favorite and always receives attention and when it is in bloom one just cannot pass it by. It is one of the best.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

COMTE DE NANTIEL—Mid-season; large full flower, dark rose. **50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

COMTE DE JUSSIER—Mid-season; fine bloomer. Outer petals pink, inner petals yellowish.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

DELACHII—Late mid-season; rose type. Deep purplish crimson. A fine dark peony, a strong grower and free bloomer...**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

DORCHESTER (Richardson's)—This peony is a great addition to the list. It prolongs the season by more than a week. It is of a beautiful hydrangea-pink color, and grows on strong, upright stems..**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

DUCHESS DE NEMOURS—Early, beautiful cup-shaped flowers of sulphur-white that change with age to pure snow-white. Plants make a handsome upright growth.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

DUKE OF WELLINGTON—Late mid-season. A vigorous, tall growing plant, which produces large pyramidal shaped blooms. Color is white, shading to sulphur-white in the center. It is a free bloomer and fragrant.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

EUGENE VERDIER—Rose type; late. Compact double flowers which are delicate light pink and produced on long stems. Free bloomer and very fragrant. On account of its long keeping qualities, when cut it is unsurpassed for decorating purposes....**$1.00 each, $10.00 Doz.**

FELIX CROUSSE—Late mid-season. The most popular red peony. It is a large globe-shaped flower of a rich even red color. Of all the red peonies this takes the first rank. There is none of this color that is a greater favorite.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

FESTIVA—Mid-season, profuse bloomer of pure white flowers flecked with crimson. Later than the Festiva Maxima. Very desirable for planting in front of shrubbery on account of its dwarfish growth. **50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

FESTIVA MAXIMA—Early. For many years this has been considered as one of the finest white peonies. Large-sized flowers of ivory white with the center petals now and then spotted with crimson....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

GIGANTEA—Medium early. Color is an exquisite shade of bright pink tipped with a silvery-white. It is a very distinct peony and is as effective as the best Chrysanthemum. The remarkable size and spicy fragrance of this flower make it admired by everyone .**$1.25 each.**

GLORIE DE DOUAI—Late, purplish-scarlet crimson....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

GOLDEN HARVEST—Bomb type; mid-season. A striking tri-colored flower. The guard petals are blush-pink with a creamy-white center which is overlaid with a delicate carmine, giving a general effect of creamy pink. It has a strong yet delicate fragrance..**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

GRANDIFLORA—Rose type; very late. As its name implies, this is "A Grand Flower." Nearly impossible to describe it. Flowers are very large and profuse. Color is a bright sea-shell pink, combined with a delicate lilac which, with its delicious fragrance, attracts and holds your attention.....**$1.25 each.**

GRANDIFLORA ROSEA—Late mid-season. Light rose, outer petals large, inner smaller and bunched. Strong growing plant and a good bloomer.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

HUMEI—Large, late, compact flower. Cherry pink, highly scented. Largely used for landscape work as well as cut flowers....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

JULES CALOT—Rose type; mid-season. Large, flat flowers, dark pink with a silvery reflex. Free bloomer.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

LA TULIPE—Mid-season, large, fragrant globe-shaped flowers. Blush-white shading to pure white with red markings on outside of guard petals.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

LIVINGSTONE—Rose type; late. Full imbricated bloom with large buds and flowers. Color is a pale lilac-rose, very attractive. It is a free bloomer and strong grower.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

MADAM BUCQUET—Mid-season, perfect shaped bud and flower. Dark crimson color, very fine and rich. Free bloomer....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

MADAM LEBON—Late, bright cherry-pink, flowers on long stems..**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MADAME BOLLET—Compact globe-shaped flowers. Color is rose-pink with a silvery reflex.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MADAME CALOT—Early, this is the most fragrant of any peony. It is sure to bloom and to bloom profusely. The color is a hydrangea-pink shading to darker sulphur color at base of petal....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MADAME CROUSSE—One of the best all-round white peonies....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MADAME DE GALHAU—Rose type; late. Fragrant, compact flower. Rose-white guard petals, center lilac....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

MADAME EMILE GALLE—Late mid-season; rose type. Delicate sea-shell pink with dashes of lavender. Flowers are large, double and imbricated. Very beautiful, simply grand...**$1.00 each, $10.00 Doz.**

MADAME FOREL—Late mid-season. Large, full bloom. Very fine flowers of glossy pink with a silvery reflex.**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MADAME GEISLER—Flowers are large, compact, imbricated and well formed on long stems. Glossy pink shading to bright rose at base of petals. It should not be omitted from any collection....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MARIE LEMOINE—Rose type; late. One of the largest white peonies. Blooms on strong erect stems well above the foliage. Color is ivory white with an occasional carmine tracing..**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MARIE STUART—Crown type; mid-season. At first the color is lavender, flecked with crimson. It changes with age to a soft white. This peony is a favorite and makes a fine show..**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MEISSIONIER—Bomb type; brilliant crimson flowers, produced on long stiff stems. A fine red peony.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MIREILLE—Rose type; late. Large pure white with no markings whatever.....**$1.00 each, $10.00 Doz.**

MONSIEUR BARRAL—Clear soft pink. Flowers large and full with long stems.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

MONSIEUR JULES ELIE—Bomb type; early mid-season. Claimed by some to be the largest of all peonies. Produces very full, large globe-shaped flowers. Color is a glossy lilac-pink shading to rose at base of petals. It is a fine keeper when cut in the bud.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

NOBLISSIMA—Bright deep pink. Good stems and lasts splendidly..**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

PALMATA—The only cut-leaved, or fringe-leaved peony. Very early, single, bright-red flowers.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

PRINCE IMPERIAL—Brilliant purplish-scarlet, free bloomer. Fine for massing.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

ROSEA SUPERBA—A fine rose-pink flower, free bloomer. Very fine..**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

RUBRA SUPERBA—Rose type; very late. Large, rich, brilliant crimson flowers, which are highly fragrant, full and double. One of the best keepers.....**75 cents each, $8.00 Doz.**

SULFUREA—Crown type; early mid-season. This peony is known under many names, as Alba Sulfurea, Mont Blanc, etc. The flower is large and perfectly formed. It has white guard petals with sulphur-yellow center. Very free bloomer and fine for cut flowers. This is the **yellowest of all peonies**; but if out in the open field and exposed to the bright sunshine the yellow soon fades to white. This plant should be in every collection.....**50 cents each, $5.00 Doz.**

Some of the Best and Rarest Peonies

ALSACE-LORRAINE—Very strong and vigorous plant which is ornamental throughout the entire summer. The color is creamy-white, delicately tinted with brown. Something striking and unusual. **$3.50 Each.**

BARONESS SCHROEDER—A beautiful flower of large pyramidal form. Coloring is almost impossible to describe. However the general impression is of a beautiful delicate pink fading away to white. It is a grand peony and one of the finest.....**$3.50 Each.**

ENCHANTRESS—A superb, late, globe-shaped flower. Creamy-white having the center splashed with crimson. The fragrance is delicious. The plant makes a strong, tall and erect growth. Rare....**$4.00 Each.**

EUGENIE VERDIER—This is not a new peony, but it is not by any means common. It should not be confused with "Eugene Verdier." Plant makes a tall, vigorous growth, with long flower stems. The color is a splendid hydrangea-pink, with the center fused with crimson. The bright glossy petals and delightful fragrance make it one that you will want. It is one of the longest keepers, which makes it fine for cut flowers.....**$1.25 Each, $13.00 Doz.**

EVANGELINE—Another rare plant producing large flat flowers of a beautiful pink, very light and delicate. Exceedingly fragrant..**$4.00 Each.**

JAMES KELWAY—This is sometimes called "Lady Derby." Semi-rose type; early mid-season. A tall, strong growing plant, having immense flowers in large clusters. The color is pure white, tinged with delicate pink and slightly yellow at base of petals. It is also very fragrant, which makes it one of the most desirable of peonies..**$2.50 Each.**

LA FRANCE—This is a peony that stands all by itself. The flowers are enormous, full, perfectly double and highly fragrant. The color is a soft apple-blossom-pink, the guard petals having a slight streak of crimson in the center near the base.....**$5.00 Each.**

LA LORRAINE—One of Lemoine's best, having large globe-shaped flowers. The color is cream-white, overlaid with the most beautiful soft pink seen in any flower. The petals are large. It keeps a long time, it is said that no other peony lasts as long.....**$3.50 Each.**

MADAME EMILE LEMOINE—Mid-season. Produces large buds that open into large, imbricated, round flowers which nearly cover the bush. Buds at first show a delicate pink but open out into a pure white with an occasional penciling of coloring showing on the edge of the center petals.....**$1.50 Each, $15.00 Doz.**

MONSIEUR MARTIN CAHUZAC—Produces large well-formed flowers. A perfect solid ball of deep maroon, with brilliant black lustre. A strong grower and free bloomer. One of the darkest peonies grown. **$4.00 Each.**

MIDNIGHT—This is the darkest peony known and one of the most rare. It is much darker than the Martin Cahuzac. Entirely unlike any other peony..... **$6.00 Each.**

SARAH BERNHARDT—An exceptionally strong growing plant. Produces large double flowers of perfect form in handsome clusters. The petals are large and imbricated. The color is a delicate apple-pink—a most beautiful flower. The fragrance is delicious.. **$3.50 Each.**

THERESA—Another most desirable peony. The queen of all pink peonies. The flower is of large size. The color is a rich satiny-pink with a glossy reflex..... **$4.00 Each.**

Mixed Peonies

We also have a collection of mixed varieties and seedlings, that have all bloomed and are good strong plants. No poor flowers among them. This lot is to the advantage of those who do not wish the more expensive named ones. Sold in dozen lots only, express prepaid, $3.50 Doz.

These mixed plants are listed as Mixed Whites, all shades; Mixed Pinks, all shades; Mixed Reds, all shades.

Early May Flowering Peonies

These Peonies bloom about two weeks before the varieties described on the preceding pages. In Northern New York they bloom about Decoration Day, or before.

OFFICINALIS ALBA PLENA—Pure white, large double bloom . . **50 cents each.**

OFFICINALIS LA NEGRESSE—Very double flower of rich dark maroon. **50 cents each.**

OFFICINALIS ROSEA PLENA—Delicate pink overlaid with white. . **50 cents each.**

OFFICINALIS ROSEA PLENA PALLIDA—Large full flower of soft rosy pink, changing to pure white as it ages. . . . . **50 cents each.**

OFFICINALIS RUBRA PLENA—Large globular flower of brilliant crimson. One of the oldest peonies. Gives an abundance of flowers, and is a favorite because of its brilliancy and earliness. . **50 cents each.**

OFFICINALIS ROSEA SUPERBA—Very beautiful, soft pink, full flower. Attracts much attention. . . . . **50 cents each.**

TENUIFOLIA FLORA PLENA—Crimson-red, with very double flowers. Very desirable. Unlike any other peony in that the foliage is finely cut like a fern. . . . . **50 cents each.**

Japan Herbaceous Peonies

These Peonies are not as well known as they should be. They are not as expensive as the New European Novelties, which they equal in many ways. We do not list them by names, as it is much simpler to give them numbers. We offer a collection of twelve varieties that we have selected from the Japanese lists, and we can be sure of obtaining true plants each season. Customers in ordering will please order by number.

6—Single, resembles a Lotus flower; large center of yellow stamens.

7—Single, pure white.

8—One of the most beautiful double white with crimson stripes and tips.

10—A beauty; pale rose shading to pale cream in the center.

13—Large, single flower. Pink with yellow center stamens.

14—One of the best. Double, carmine with yellow center.

15—A grand single form. Velvety shade of purplish red with yellow center.

18—One of the finest whites. Double, with pyramidal shaped flower.

20—A rare beauty. White, striped with crimson at tips of petals.

23—A single form. Rose with yellow center.

25—A rare and great beauty, very double. Intense crimson. Three center layers of petals shade off into pure white.

26—A brilliant double crimson.

60 cents each. Collection of 12 varieties $6.00 Delivered.

Twelve Choice Japan Tree Peonies
(Moutan)

1—**YOYO-NO-HOMARE**—Beautiful rich scarlet petals.

2—**YASO-OKINA**—White, slightly tinted with cream. Large.

3—**IRO-NO-SEKI**—Delicate blush pink. Very large flower and handsome.

4—**MUHENSAI**—Rich, rosy pink shading to delicate pink.

5—**LAISHOGI**—Scarlet, large.

6—**AKASHI-GATA**—Rosy-pink petals, fringed and undulated.

7—**ADZUMAKAGAMI**—Large, rich carmine.

8—**SHI-UN-RYU**—Best purple.

9—**SHOKI-KAGURA**—Double compact flower. Satiny rose with a blush edge.

10—**SEIRIU**—Pure white with large tasseled yellow anthers.

11—**MIKASA-YAMA**—Rich salmon-rose.

12—**DAIKAGURA**—Rose shading to pink.

Tree Peonies produce large flowers of the most delicate tints and colors imaginable. The plants form a bush that grows a little higher each year till they reach about three to four feet, the foliage of which is attractive and ornamental. They are perfectly hardy, but as they bloom about ten days earlier than the Herbaceous varieties, the buds (which are very prominent) should be protected from the frost and cold winds after they begin to start in the Spring. A shady location or on the north and west side of buildings, where not too much exposed to winds, is very advisable, as then the rays of the sun cannot strike them till the warmer part of the day. A bed of these shrubs covered with their large flowers is an attraction to any lawn.

$1.25 each. Collection of 12 varieties $13.00 Delivered.

See illustrations on following page.

Tree Peonies

Our Guarantee

We guarantee our Peonies to be true to name. Should any errors occur we will replace or refund the purchase price.

Customers will please remember that it takes from one to three years for some Peonies to produce normal results after transplanting.

All roots have from two to five eyes, according to the manner of growth the particular variety makes. Some varieties develop much different root growth than others. Whenever possible we send out plants with from four to six eyes. We always want the customer to receive full value.

We give personal attention to the handling of our Peonies to see that they are kept true to name and that orders are filled correctly. While our list is not as long as many, we consider we have choice a collection, in fact the cream.

We pay express charges on all orders amounting to $2.50.

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